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Army of 50,000 Required to Preserve Order on That Island Alone.

Philippines Call for Twenty-Five Thousand and Porto Rico for Six Thousand Men.

Adjutant General Corbin Makes Plain That Colonies Will Involve Huge Expense.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Adjutant General Corbin appeared to-day before the house committee on military affairs. His statements attracted unusual interest because of their direct reference to conditions in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and the military requirements on which the war department was acting. As to the need of an increased army, General Corbin said that was a most serious proposition. He proceeded:

"The Cuban evacuation commission has submitted a statement that in order to preserve order and restore order in Cuba it will require the presence of an army of 50,000 men."

"It was my recommendation," said General Corbin, "that the plan of sending troops to Cuba was based. It might be found that 50,000 men would not be absolutely requisite. But we are holding 50,000 men in readiness to go if required."

As to the Philippines, General Otis in command there had recommended that 25,000 men were required. In Porto Rico the officers in command there reported that the force now on hand is about adequate for requirements. It is about 6,000.

That makes \$1,000—50,000 for Cuba, 25,000 for the Philippines and about 6,000 for Porto Rico, leaving from an army of 100,000 men about 38,000 for reserves at home.

"Do you think 50,000 for Cuba a conservative estimate?" asked Mr. Jett, of Illinois.

"I think it is," answered the General.

"And how long will that last?" asked Mr. Hay.

"I wish I could say," answered General Corbin. "But no man can say. You can not view conditions in Cuba as you can in Ohio. For 100 years the people there have been accustomed to be ruled by force. The officers there fear that, with these conditions and habits, if troops are not there, trouble may occur."

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Opening Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Convention—Linotype

Machinists in Dispute.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—The eighteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was begun yesterday. About 150 delegates from all parts of this country, and two from abroad, the veteran William Thurman and William Inskip, of London, representing the British trades union congress—were present.

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## BRIbery BY WHOLESALE.

Whatever else may be said in regard to Premier Semlin, it must be confessed that when he goes in for bribery he does it by wholesale. There probably never was in politics anything equal to his declaration to the people of Cowichan, made during the course of his speech at Duncan's on Tuesday night. All parts of the country are calling for public works, said the Premier, and the government cannot possibly meet all demands. Under those circumstances, he said, it is to the advantage of Cowichan to have a representative who has the ear of the government.

There are several objections to this proposition. One of them is that it is not by any means certain that any friend of Mr. Semlin will "have the ear of the government" after the house meets. The probabilities are all in the other direction. Therefore if Mr. Semlin's extraordinary contention is to receive any consideration at the hands of the people of Cowichan, they will probably require some guarantee from him as to the stability of the government which he has formed. This simple consideration of itself shows how utterly without justification such an appeal to a constituency is. It follows from what Mr. Semlin says that if the voters of Cowichan believe the present government will not stand, it is their duty to elect some one who will support the present opposition. If this is to be the character of politics in this province, things have got down to a pretty low level indeed.

A second objection to the proposition is that it is an intimation that a new era in appropriations, as well as in some other respects, is to be inaugurated, if Mr. Semlin and his friends remain in power. We do not think we will be contradicted when we say that the late administration, in distributing the appropriations, took no account of the political attitude of the representative of a district. Every charge that ingenuity could invent was made against Mr. Turner and his colleagues, but no one thought of insinuating to the contrary of this, for the very good reason that it would have been so palpably false that the man making it would have been set down as a gross falsifier. It was common talk in the legislature that the members of the then opposition were as persistent and insistent in their demands for appropriations as the supporters of the government, and not a man in opposition ever rose in his place in the house and asserted that he did not get a fair hearing because he was not one of the government party. Friends and opponents alike had the ear of the late government in the matter of appropriations. But it appears that we are to have a change. A few weeks ago a notice was published in the Gazette asking all persons having any demands to make for roads, bridges, trails or other improvements to send them in to the government. We pointed out at the time that this was a serious departure from the principle of representative institutions, which made the member of a constituency the proper channel for the communication of its needs to the government. We now begin to get a better understanding of what this notice meant. It was intended to place the government in a position to purchase support in and out of the house. It was to enable them to say to members and to voters that the claims upon the treasury are many, and that those presented or backed up by the friends of the government will have the best chance of receiving consideration. We do not think the people of British Columbia are ready for such a reversal of the principles upon which its affairs have been administered. The duty of the government is, after consultation with all the members and after employing its own faculty of observation as well as possible, to prepare its estimates so as to suit the needs of every section of the province, irrespective of the political attitude of the several districts. This was the course followed by the late administration, and the people of Cowichan are to be congratulated upon having the opportunity of pronouncing upon this proposal of Mr. Semlin to reverse it.

The proposition is open to objection because it is unwarranted by the facts. British Columbia is not in such a condition financially as to be compelled to starve public works—at least it was not in such a position before the present muddlers obtained control of the treasury. Mr. Turner and his colleagues would have found money in the future, as they found it in the past, for necessary public works in all parts of the province. It is quite true that they would have had to borrow some of it; but they held, and the Colonist now holds, that in a province of the immense resources and splendid future possibilities of British Columbia, a judicious policy of borrowing is wise, and is in fact the only one that can be justified. It would be utterly unreasonable to attempt to make the present population of this province pay cash down by taxation for the improvements necessary to open it up for colonization and industrial development. The people, who will come to the province and profit by the work done, ought to bear some share of the cost, and they can be made to do this by the adoption of a judicious policy

of borrowing for public improvements. Such a policy must necessarily be only temporary; that is, no province can go on borrowing indefinitely. But a good financier can easily keep within proper limits, and that this province had far from reached its just limit was evident to any one in touch with the London money market, and is proved by the price quoted for our outstanding inscribed stock.

The greatest objection to Mr. Semlin's proposition is the gross immorality of it. He has substantially told the people of Cowichan that, if he remains in power, they may expect no favors unless they accept as their representative an imported representative from the Mainland, a gentleman whom his own constituents rejected for causes best known to themselves, and refuse the services of a gentleman whose whole interests are bound up with those of the constituency. It is impossible to imagine a case of grosser bribery than this, if, indeed, it does not pass beyond the scope of bribery and become coercion.

We greatly mistake the temper of the people of Cowichan if they do not resent this attempt to interfere with their free expression of opinion as voters of British Columbia. Mr. Semlin must imagine that they are poor creatures indeed, or he would have shown more discretion than to address such an argument to them. He goes before them and declares that he proposes to cut down the influence of Vancouver Island in the legislature, and asks the aid of the people of Cowichan in doing it; he asks them to throw aside their allegiance to the political friends whom they have hitherto supported; he asks them to accept a stranger as their representative; he asks them to endorse the unconstitutional action which placed him in power; and then has the supreme audacity to tell them that, if they do these things, they will be rewarded by having as their representative a man who has the ear of the government, and who can get them their fair share of public expenditures, which they will not get, if they have the hardihood to be loyal to their political friends and to the gentleman whom they chose as their representative last summer, if they remain true to their interests as an Island constituency; if they assert their rights as free men to vote for whom they choose; if they dare stand firm by those constitutional principles upon which our national life is based. What will be the response of the people of Cowichan to such a demand? We have such faith in their sense of right and in their appreciation of their duty as free-born British subjects, as to feel confident that their response to Mr. Semlin will be such that this will be the last, as it is the first time, when any political leader, not to say premier of British Columbia, has had the hardihood to go before an intelligent constituency with what is either a gross attempt to bribe a whole electorate, or an effort at coercion that all men, worthy of citizenship, will resent with indignation.

## AN AWKWARD ARRANGEMENT.

Usually when a treaty of peace has been negotiated between the representatives of two nations the end of the dispute has been reached. It is otherwise in regard to the agreement made between the representatives of the United States and Spain. As far as the latter nation is concerned nothing remains to be done but to comply with the treaty, but no one is in a position to proclaim the agreement in effect as respects the United States. It must first be ratified by the senate, and some well-informed people claim that there is danger that it may not be ratified. If the treaty is rejected an anomalous state of things will be created. It would be difficult to define the position in which it would leave the administration. In the case of Great Britain, if parliament should declare against a treaty, the government would at once resign, but the treaty should hold good until it had been formally denounced, as the diplomatic phrase is, and if it was felt that the national honor required the continuing of the treaty in force, the incoming government would not seek to avoid it. In the case of the United States, if the senate should reject the treaty, the whole arrangement would fall to the ground, the administration would be discredited before the country and the world, and would have to pick up the threads of the negotiations as best it could. We do not think there is a record of a case wherein such a humiliation has ever been put upon the representatives of a country, and therefore are wholly at a loss to suggest how the President would act.

These considerations show the great change that has come into the national existence of the United States. They show that some very great alterations must be made in the constitution in order to meet the entirely novel conditions which have arisen, and are likely to arise in the future. The President will hereafter be closely in touch with foreign governments in a variety of ways, and it will certainly be necessary to clothe him with greater powers than he now exercises. The senatorial control of foreign relations will have to be qualified, for it will be impossible for the President to conduct negotiations with foreign powers if he is liable to have his best formed plans upset by a hostile senate. If he cannot pledge his government to anything, how can he ask the representatives of foreign governments to pledge themselves to anything? It will go hard with the people of the United States to consent to any changes in the constitution in the direction indicated. They have been taught to believe that instrument to be the product of almost infallible wisdom. It is undoubtedly a document exhibiting splendid statesmanship. It may be doubted if there is extant any other political composition at all to be compared with it. But it was

framed for certain conditions and these have been greatly modified. The wisdom of its framers never foresaw what we see to-day, and consequently never provided for it.

## THE YUKON SCANDALS.

Senator Macdonald had a circular letter from the deputy minister of the interior similar to that received by Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper, relative to the Yukon scandals. Mr. Macdonald commended the intention of the minister to sift all specific charges of wrong doing, and the punishment of officials found guilty, but suggested that investigation should be before a judge and not before the commissioner. He pointed out that miners and others returning to the Yukon were afraid to make specific charges over their own names, lest they should be subjected to unfair treatment, and persecution for making charges. Mr. Macdonald took occasion to draw attention to some points of importance for the information of the minister of the interior, such as:

1. The unsanitary condition of Dawson City, causing much sickness, and the immediate necessity for an inexpensive system of sewerage.
2. All timber in the vicinity of mines should be reserved for the miners, and mining purposes—if not free, then at the lowest price—as without fuel life cannot exist, and mining—which gives any value to the Yukon—cannot be carried on.
3. No timber or water concessions should be made to any person or company in the mining region, as such would add to the cost of living and mining, lead to ill feeling, and retard development, and that all concessions already made should be cancelled. With regard to Yukon matters one point should be kept steadily in view by the government: The protecting and fostering of the mining industry. If the laws are too severe, and the best part of the country is given over to speculators in timber limits and water rights, mining will be crushed and the Yukon rendered valueless. This region cannot be wisely administered, except in accordance with local conditions, by competent persons possessed of local knowledge.

The adjustment of the relative interests of Great Britain and the United States in the proposed Nicaraguan canal may be a matter of some difficulty. Great Britain has certain rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which she does not appear at all ready to surrender. Of course the United States can give notice of intention to abrogate the treaty, but this will not fully solve the problem, for it will leave Great Britain free to negotiate a new treaty with the Central American republics. But it is not likely that the United States will take such a course, because no government desires to repudiate its solemn agreements with other countries. The people of British Columbia would be sorry to see any permanent obstacles put in the way of the construction of the canal, but at the same time they do not desire to see Imperial interests given up without some substantial equivalent. Doubtless the ingenuity of the two governments will enable them to find a satisfactory solution of the question involved.

The statement of Mr. Sifton, made in Winnipeg lately, to the effect that he will resign if the Southeastern and Rainy river railway is allowed to fall into the hands of the C. P. R., has a special significance in connection with the statement that the Dauphin railway is to be pushed through to Hudson's Bay within four years. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. are constructing the latter road and control the former, so that when both lines are completed they will have a through road from Hudson's Bay to Lake Superior by way of Winnipeg, a road which, it is needless to say, will be of the greatest value to Manitoba, if it remains under independent management.

The Times is quite wrong again. The Colonist did not attack the attorney-general for directing that all claims against intestate estates shall be referred to his department. It was not aware that such an order has issued. Is it to be understood that the attorney-general of British Columbia is to undertake the settlement of all intestate estates and say what claims shall be admitted and what shall be opposed?

The Vancouver World says that Vancouver is not yet known as a "wide open" town, but Victoria is so known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This may be true of Vancouver, but it is certainly not true of Victoria. This city has some things which will not bear inspection too closely, but it is not a "wide open" town in the sense in which that word is used in the West.

Why does not the Dominion government take up the Pacific cable project in a manner which will show that it appreciates its importance? The whole responsibility for delay in construction is laid to rest with Canada, and this ought not to be. There is not the least room for doubt that if the Conservatives had remained in power, the cable would have been on a fair way to completion.

The gentleman who has the government by the ear has begun his campaign in Cowichan. It is not yet announced that he has resigned his office as secretary to the premier. It is a novel thing to find a government employee, while under salary, engaging in election work much more so to find him a candidate.

In view of the intention of the government to cut down the Island constituencies, the attention of the electors of Cowichan is directed to Matthew XXVI, 52, latter clause of the verse: "They that take the Sword shall perish with the Sword."

This is election day in Alberni.

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## THE UTAH POLYGAMIST.

Will He Be Admitted to the House of Representatives.

From the Buffalo Courier.

The election of Roberts to congress in Utah is calling forth editorial comment in the Eastern press. The Washington correspondent of the Salt Lake Tribune writes:

"The Roberts case is the subject of general editorial comment throughout the Eastern press. A score of papers are demanding to know how, under the pledge of Utah that polygamy was a dead issue, that it would be forever prohibited by the constitution, and that it had been forbidden by the church itself, an avowed and flagrant polygamist has been chosen to congress."

"The Baltimore American of yesterday devoted a column and a half to a discussion of the case, while the New York Herald of Sunday gave a whole page to its consideration. The Philadelphia Ledger of today has a front page cartoon of Representative-elect Roberts leaving Salt Lake for Washington with his three wives in the station."

"Mr. Roberts' election has made a most painful impression throughout the East, and bad faith is being charged everywhere against the church which tearfully pleaded for amnesty and placed itself on record in the most positive terms as declaring against further polygamist practices in Utah."

"The New York Herald is canvassing congressmen regarding their views upon Roberts' eligibility. Many representatives believe he should be unseated as a defiant lawbreaker, while others think that expulsion will be the remedy."

"For the first time in a number of years Utah, as a polygamist state, has become an issue again in the East, and this unsavory feature of a portion of its citizenship is protruded under the nostrils of those to whom it must appeal for capital and for support in its development."

"It is recognized as most unfortunate by friends of Utah that the pledges which they gave in order to secure statehood, and which were based upon the solemn pledges of the leaders of the church and the most prominent Mormon citizens of the territory, are shown to have been founded upon misinformation, and that the friends of statehood in Utah were being deceived, and the polygamists given an opportunity to crow over a result which was little anticipated when the bill for statehood passed."

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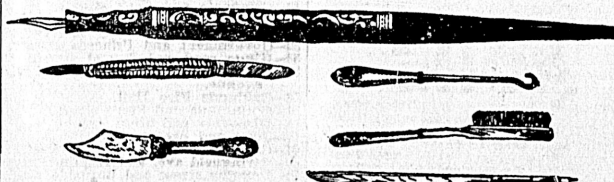
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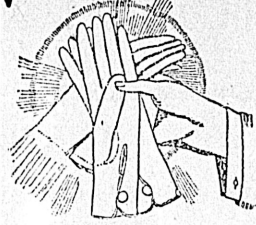


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and Sporting Knives.

Special Council Meeting.—A special

meeting of the city council to enable Mr.

T. C. Sorby to explain thoroughly and

in detail his plan for the construction of

a permanent roadway across James Bay,

is to be held to-day.

Attractive Advertising.—A subscriber

writing from Rossland desires the Col-

onist to request Dick H. Ross to change

his advertisements more frequently,

claiming that they form a most interest-

ing feature of the paper. This goes to

show that an attractive advertisement is

always read at home and abroad, and

is also a compliment to Mr. Ross' clever

ad. writing.

"Empress of Jollity."—Dorothy Lewis,

popularly known as the "Empress of

Jollity," will be seen in "Alone in Greater

New York" at the Victoria opera house

Monday night, supported by a fine

company of clever players in a produc-

tion guaranteed to be rich in a scenic

way. The action of the play is described

as rapid and exciting, the story contain-

ing strong elements of heart interest.

TO THE CIGAR SMOKERS

OF VICTORIA.

In view of all that has been said in

reference to the cry of "British Colum-

bia for British Columbians," the cigar-

makers of Victoria make this appeal to

the public. At the present time a fine

and large number of idle cigar-makers

in the city, and if Eastern goods con-

tinue to be shipped here in hundreds of

thousands, there will not be 10 cigar-

makers here.

If 10 per cent. of the cigar-smokers

would insist on buying union-made

cigars, the local union would have a

membership of 100. One hundred men

at an average of \$15 per week is \$1,500,

every cent of which would be spent in

Victoria. There is not a wholesale

merchant in Victoria that handles local

made cigars, but they are the first ones

to cry "Patronize home industry."

Tell everybody that a local made

cigar is better than a cigar made

anywhere else. Insist on having a

cigar with the union label on, for a

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Trustee Polling Place.—Ald. Hum-  
phrey has given notice of moving that the  
polling place be used as polling place  
for school trustees at the coming munic-  
ipal election.

Did Not Appear.—A woman whose  
name is entered as "Minnie" was sum-  
moned to the police court yesterday for  
keeping a house of ill-fame. She did  
not appear and a warrant was issued for  
her arrest.

Meetings at Duncans.—Meetings of the  
Farmers' Institute and Cowichan Cream-  
ery Co. are to be held at Duncans on  
Saturday. Mr. W. H. Hayward will  
deliver an address at the Institute meet-  
ing on "Legislation for Farmers."

Elected Officers.—Colfax Rebekah lodge  
of the I. O. O. F. elected the following  
officers for the ensuing six months at a  
meeting on Tuesday evening: Sister  
Walker, N.G.; Sister Grant, V.G.; Sister  
Riddle, recording and financial secretary;  
Sister Phillips, treasurer.

Result of False Economy.—While J.  
Irvine and wife on Sunday night were  
driving on the cross road between Cedar  
Hill road and Tyndall avenue they were  
thrown from the buggy, through striking  
an obstruction lying in the middle of the  
road. This was in the shape of a couple  
of loads of gravel, which had been  
left there by the road gang on Saturday.  
The gang had apparently quit sharp on  
time, not caring to give too much work  
for too small a wage. Mrs. Irvine was  
severely injured by the accident, and the  
government will probably be called upon  
to pay damages, as the buggy and harness  
were badly damaged.

To-morrow's Theatre Attraction.—  
Those who have seen the Swedish dialect  
comedy "Yon Yonson" pronounce it one  
of the cleverest things that has been given  
to the American stage in recent years.  
Mr. Hendricks is an actor of pleasing  
personality and his dialect is rich and in-  
tellectible. The metamorphosis of a new  
Swedish emigrant into a Minneapolis  
swell is not an everyday occurrence,  
but it serves very well in "Yon Yon-  
son" to illustrate the possibilities and  
sands interest to Hendricks' novel crea-  
tion. The stage of this place will be a  
note, as the complete scenic equipment  
is carried by the company and faithful  
pictures are shown of the world North-  
western towns in which the scenes are,  
for the most part laid. The breaking of  
a leg, the furnishing of the most thrilling  
incident in the piece which will be the  
attraction at the Victoria theatre to-mor-  
row night.

Police Methods.—James McKinnon, for  
some time past senior messenger for the  
B. C. District Telegraph and Delivery  
Co., feels that he and his family have  
been treated with scant courtesy during  
the past week or two by members of the  
provincial police. Something more than  
ten days ago, McKinnon picked up a silver  
matchbox containing a small sum in  
money. He at once visited the two news-  
paper offices and inserted a notification  
to the effect that if the owner would  
call upon him the property would be re-  
stored. It so happened that this match-  
box had been stolen from the residence of  
a naval officer whose home is near Es-  
quimalt, and the police—having no other  
clue to the robbery—gave their best  
effort to find McKinnon, simply be-  
cause he had advertised a portion of the  
plunder. Inquiries as to the messenger's  
habits were made in the locality in which  
he resides, and two visits were paid to  
his home, in which a little nine-year-old  
brother, and a hard-working sister, are  
at present the entire family. On the first  
visit of the officers the little boy was  
alone, and it is said that the officers with  
out invitation or permission, entered  
made themselves quite at home while  
"pumping" the child, and then made a  
casual search of the premises. The  
same evening they called again, to the  
great discomposure of Miss McKinnon,  
and asked permission to search her brother's  
room, at the same time assuring her  
that they did not suspect him. They had  
no search warrant but naturally the  
young lady concluded that it would be  
best to permit the search to be made.  
The young lady has never since quite re-  
covered her nerves, and McKinnon is  
still highly indignant over the cavalier  
manner in which he feels he has been  
treated.

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Christmas Charity.—The Friendly Help

Society desire to extend their warmest

thanks to the pupils of the Girls' Cen-

tral school for their very substantial

Christmas donations yesterday. Several

of the young ladies accompanied their

gifts and willingly assisted in unloading

the van. The Friendly Help wish every

school child a Merry Christmas—and to

tell them that nothing gives more happi-

ness than helping others. Here is the list

of articles sent by the girls of the Cen-

tral: Fifty-six packages clothes; 17

packages toys and books, 4 sacks pota-

toes, 10 bread tickets, 10 loaves bread,

1 box oranges, 1 ham, 26 pots jam, 16

lbs. tea, 1 lb. coffee, 8 packages rice, 3

packages crackers, 10 sacks oatmeal, 13

packages fruit and vegetables, 14 pack-

ages canned goods, 6 packages corn

starch, 5 packages raisins, 10 packages

sugar, 1 box apples, 1 bag cakes, 1 bag

onions, 2 bags rolled oats and \$6 cash.

Hiram Walker & Sons.—Mr. B. Gor-

don, the British Columbia representative

of Hiram Walker & Sons, the famous

distillers of Walkerville, Ont., is now

comfortably installed in the premises at

the corner of Fort and Langley streets.

The building is a spacious one, 60x100

feet, and is principally a warehouse for

the storage of the large stock of bulk

and case "Club" and "Imperial" whis-

kies, for which the firm has a world-

wide reputation, they being used as an

exhilarating beverage in at least a dozen

different languages. A suite of spacious

general and private offices occupy the

corner portion, which have been hand-

somely furnished. The work of this

branch of Walker & Sons is to keep a

supply of goods on hand for the whole-

sale trade, simply taking the place local-

ly of the headquarters of the firm. The

selection of Mr. B. Gordon as their rep-

resentative is an excellent one, his knowl-

edge of the field and well-known busi-

ness capacity ensuring the firm their full

share of the trade of the province.

A Timely Publication.—How many

people are there who in a week or less

will commence to rack their brains with

the old, well-remembered question: "What

shall I get so-and-so for a Christmas

present?" So-and-so may be merely

an intimate friend, and the nurse may

not be long enough to comfortably stand

the shrinkage occasioned by the purchase

of a costly present, even were the value

of gift-making measured by the value of

the gift. To all such worried ones the

Colonist has a suggestion to make. There

is nothing that be got more suitable

to be sent as a holiday gift from this

city than the album of Victoria views

that has recently been issued from the

office of this paper. It is handsome,

ornate, chaste, and inexpensive. The pic-

tures are six in number and are the

finest examples of color printing yet ex-

hibited in this city or province. In price

as in character the book is eminently

suitable for appropriate holiday mem-

oranda, and those who have not seen it

yet will be convinced of the truth of

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can send your friends. Ask for it at

the bookstores or this office. Price, 75

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## CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

The Fifty are Preparing A Platform to Present to the People.

Some of the North Warders Want the City Limits to Be Curtailed.

The Citizens' Committee had another important meeting last night when besides receiving several reports from sub-committees the members had a resolution presented embodying a progressive platform with the idea of thoroughly discussing it and submitting it to a mass meeting of citizens in time for the municipal election campaign. The idea of Mr. Renouf, who drew up the resolution, was to embody in it broad principles, for there is not time this year to go much into detail. Part of the proposed platform was considered and adopted with amendments, and another meeting will be held to-night with the intention of completing that particular subject.

The first thing to come before the meeting was the following communication in regard to the proposed reductions of the present limits of the city:

"To the Citizens' General Committee of Fifty:

"We, the undersigned property owners in the North ward, beg to bring the following to your particular attention. We are desirous of having the property owned by us separated from the city of Victoria and placed outside the limits and for the following reasons:

"1. On account of the greater part of said land being used for farming purposes only and on account of the revenue (if any) derived therefrom being much less than and out of all proportion to the present assessment and rate of taxation thereon.

"2. On account of the utter lack of attention paid to us by the different councils since our incorporation with the city, and more particularly on account of the difference between the moneys paid in by us in the shape of taxes and the improvements granted us.

"3. On account of the want of proper fire protection, there only being a volunteer hose reel company organized by us for our own protection. And on account of no police protection whatever.

"We have seen from the report of the sub-committee on reduction of the city limits that they recommend making the eastern side of the city, and eliminating Victoria West from the map of Victoria city. Evidently the reason of this is, that more money has been expended in Victoria West than has been received in the way of taxes, this amount thus having been a burden to the city, although its own vote was responsible for its being taken into the city of Victoria.

"We are of the opinion that this is most unjust towards us who have paid a great deal more than has been expended on our property; it has been argued that farming should be conducted inside the city limits and that the present holders of such should sell and remove outside the limits. We beg to state in reply that the very fact of our land being inside the city limits is not only a detriment to us, but also a hindrance to our selling, as is recently shown in the case of one of the signers hereto. We therefore beg your particular attention to this matter and would strongly request that, if the present city limits, at least as far as our property is concerned, are not reduced to suit some years ago, that a considerable reduction be made, and thus enable us to escape what we consider a great injustice, and allow us to paddle our own canoe."

This petition bore 43 signatures for individual property owners and estates, Oklands figuring most prominently, and the sections represented being the Work Estate, Hillside Avenue, George road, Lansdowne road, extension of Quadra street, and Cloverdale.

In regard to the letter from North ward property owners Lieut.-Col. Prior wished to say that while he was in sympathy with the men whose names were attached to it, he had no objection to it, if he had people might have accused him of having an axe to grind in moving in the matter of a citizens' committee. He did not go so far as to say that he was in sympathy with these people because he did not want his land taxed; for he was perfectly willing to pay on any land that was really city property. But out on the other side of Sea View the land was all farming land, and yet had not even divided up in lots and yet had to pay taxes at city rates. The same thing applied to the North and to the South, as for instance out in the direction of Mr. Shortbold's. From Tolmie to Topaz Ave. he defied anyone to show where he had brought in enough rent to pay for half its taxes. He simply made this explanation to show his position, for he was quite sure that any one who knew him would not for a moment think that he had anything but the good of the city at heart when he took up the idea of the citizens' committee.

Ald. Bragg was of opinion that while everybody had favored the extension of the limits some years ago, the extension had been a mistake. He believed that the petition was a good one and the committee should examine it carefully.

Some discussion followed on the matter in a general way and it was decided to lay the matter on the table to be considered when the committee's report on the reduction of city area.

Sub-committee interim reports on internal economy and on mayor and aldermen's qualifications were read and laid on the table and several other committees asked for further time to report.

Mr. C. E. Renouf, realizing that the time between now and the municipal elections was short, said that he believed that the committee should draw up a general platform which could be presented for approval to a citizens' meeting. He had prepared a draft of a resolution which he hoped would meet the case, but he would cheerfully accept any amendment. He wished also to say that an idea seemed to prevail in some minds that the committee should choose a ticket for mayor and aldermen. He did not believe in that, for the committee should steer clear of anything that would lead people to believe there was politics in it.

Lieut.-Col. Prior quite agreed with Mr. Renouf's remarks regarding the undesirability of the committee suggesting a ticket, for that would mean the introduction of politics and if such were the case he would resign from the committee.

Mr. Renouf then read his resolution, which, after reciting in a preamble what the committee had already done, went on:

"That the date for the election of mayor and aldermen for the coming year is near at hand; that it is essential that the board of 1899 should be composed of men who are pledged to establish reforms in municipal government on well defined lines. That in the limited period which remains between this and the 9th day of January, it is impossible for the committee to reach an intelligent conclusion

as to the details of any subject under their consideration; that from the information already gathered they agree upon the main principles which should be embodied in a progressive platform and recommend to the citizens the following platform:

1. Responsible municipal self government.
2. That aldermen's functions shall be legislative, not administrative.
3. Fair representation.
4. That energy and a desire to benefit the city are more to be sought after in an alderman than a mere property qualification.

5. Continuity of office.
6. Efficient officials in charge of all public and departmental work and responsible for the matters under their charge.

7. Paving the streets under an equitable local improvement system.
8. Permanency in all public works.
9. A more rapid extension of the sewerage system.

10. Improvement of our water system. Improved filtration and perfecting its distribution.

11. The consolidation of that portion of the city debt that is practical and may be found advantageous.
12. To press for a settlement of the Songhees reserve question.

13. To seek for advantageous connections with transcontinental railways.
14. That the city's credit shall only be pledged for permanent works.

15. To levy all rates and taxes fairly and according to the benefits which those taxed derive.
16. To pay as we go and to pay for what we get.

17. Day labor on public works.
- Any your committee ask that the citizens in general meeting do declare that they will only accord their support to such candidates as do accept this platform and who pledge themselves to carrying out so far as it lays in their power, during their term of office. And your committee ask that further time be granted them to discuss and elaborate plans to effectually carry out the suggestions embodied in the various planks of the platform before mentioned.

Some discussion ensued on plank 1 of the platform, which was finally changed on the suggestion of Mr. Gordon Hunter to read "Fuller and more extensive powers of municipal self government than are now possessed by the city."

Plank No. 2 came in for its share of discussion, too, a general feeling being that the main idea which it was desirable to express was more to keep the aldermen from interfering with the officers of the city in carrying out their work.

The plank was made to read "That aldermen shall not exercise legislative power, and that the office be honorary."

Plank 3 was made to read "Revision of the ward system."

Then as the hour was getting late, the meeting adjourned till to-night at 8 o'clock.

## INTERNAL ECONOMY.

Suggested Re-arrangement of Duties of the Various Municipal Offices.

Your committee have made diligent enquiry into this subject, and are unable to recommend any reductions, either in the number of the employees or in the salaries paid on the basis of the present arrangement of the departments. There is one office, however—that of the city engineer—that your committee consider is greatly underpaid, it being the unanimous opinion that the city should employ only a first-class engineer at a salary not less than \$2,500 per annum.

The committee beg to point out that the present method of assessment of real estate, the isolated arrangement of the departments, and the collection of licenses, poll, statute labor and dog taxes make the city service far too costly. We therefore recommend:

1. That power be obtained to use the assessment roll of each previous year for the assessment of real estate, or in the alternate to cause that the assessment be made biennially.
2. That all licenses be declared due and payable the first month of each term at the city hall.
3. That the whole of the city staff except the engineer's office, be located in one large central room, so that each official may, if required, assist in the general work of the office, the treasurer being declared the official head.
4. That the hours of duty be declared to be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the hours to the public being, as heretofore, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Your committee believe that such changes would enable a smaller staff to do the present work, and obviate the necessity of often employing additional help.

Police.—Your committee would further point out that the police force should be required to assist the treasurer, tax collectors, market superintendent and pound-keeper in their respective duties. We believe that much revenue is lost to the city through the laxity of the police in enforcing the by-laws. Each constable should be assigned a portion of the city and, as in the cities of Great Britain, should be required to see that each dog has paid its license; that every person liable to special taxes or licenses has paid them. All summonses for non-payment of taxes should be issued by the chief of police.

Although the question of police and licensing commissioners may be deemed as outside the scope of your committee's enquiry, yet as intimately connected with the foregoing, your committee recommend the reconstruction of these bodies so that they may be brought into active connection with the city council.

It is therefore suggested that:

1. The police and licensing commissioners form one body and consist of the mayor, police magistrate and three persons appointed triennially in rotation by the council.
2. That the duties of the police be clearly set forth, and that each constable be required to pass a written examination upon those duties, the by-laws of the city, and a moderate scholastic examination before being placed on the permanent staff.

Real Estate Taxes.—Your committee recommend that all real estate taxes be made due and payable on or before March 31 of each year, with a rebate of 15 per cent., and also payable on or before October 31, with a rebate of 10 per cent.

Lighting.—Your committee recommend that an additional dynamo be purchased, so that the lighting of the city hall, fire halls, market, isolation hospital, schools, and all public buildings be done by the same officials and other plant now operated by the city.

The committee append a list of the salaries paid to city officials:

Per Month.  
Treasurer's assistant.....\$150 00  
Collector of poll labor and dog taxes, commission of 7 per cent.  
Collector of water rates..... 90 00  
Market superintendent..... 70 00  
Auditor and water commissioner..... 115 00  
City clerk..... 110 00  
City engineer..... 150 00

City engineer's assistant..... Per Day, \$ 2 50  
Per Month, \$ 80 00  
City engineer's clerk..... \$ 33 33  
City solicitor..... 125 00  
Police magistrate..... 100 00  
Clerk of police court..... 60 00  
It will be observed that by the co-operation of the police and a re-organization of the departments, the civic inner service may be reduced to some extent and larger revenue obtained.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. BONE, Chairman.  
W. MARCHANT, Secretary.  
W. J. DWYER.  
THOMAS A. BRYDON.

## WARDS AND THE COUNCIL.

Continuity in Office Proposed, and New Scheme of Qualification and Election.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14, 1898.  
To the Chairman and Members of the Committee of Fifty:

Gentlemen,—We, your Sub-division Committee No. 2, beg to suggest the following as an outline for your consideration:

## WARDS.

That there be not less than four wards, numbered as follows, viz., 1, 2, 3 and 4, and others, either by division of present wards or by the creation of new wards by the council on the following basis:

Land assessment, voters and acreage, and that the enclosed map showing particulars be submitted for consideration as a working basis.

## ELECTION OF ALDERMEN.

That there be not less than two nor more than three aldermen to each ward. That if two aldermen be chosen, it shall be for two years, one retiring each year. A is elected for two years by the largest number of votes; B is elected for one year by the second largest number of votes.

That if three aldermen be chosen it shall be for three years, one retiring each year. A is elected for three years by the largest number of votes; B is elected for two years by the second largest number of votes; C is elected for one year by the third largest number of votes.

Second election example for one ward, C retires and D is elected for three years.

Qualification for aldermen shall be \$1,000 real estate or \$5,000 personal property; shall be a British subject over 21 years of age, and shall have been 12 months resident in the city and shall have paid all rates due by him to the corporation.

The duties of an alderman shall be legislative.

That full powers be given to the council to make and carry out its own by-laws.

That there be two committees elected from the council on nomination of the mayor, and there shall be at least one alderman from each ward.

The committee shall be styled as follows, viz., Executive.

Board of works, consisting of water, sewerage, streets, parks, cemetery, lighting, etc. The above committee shall consist of six members, including the mayor.

Finance, consisting of finance, parks, bridges, railways, harbors, etc., and shall consist of six members, including the mayor.

The chairman appointed by each committee may be mayor, deputy mayor or late mayor.

The appointment of all commissioners and officers of the corporation shall be subject to the council and carry out the work of the executive.

The qualification for mayor shall be as follows: British subject, over 21 years of age, \$2,000 real estate or \$5,000 personal property, and otherwise duly qualified as a municipal voter.

Election of mayor may be firstly by the council from the aldermanic board; or secondly, the council may go outside if found convenient so to do.

The mayor shall not, on account of taking the position of mayor, lose his seat as an alderman during the time for which he was elected to serve, and may by courtesy be the deputy mayor on his retirement.

The mayor shall be chief executive officer of the corporation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
WALTER MORRIS,  
Chairman Committee No. 2.

## PERSONAL.

L. A. Peckham, representing the Overman Wheel Co. of Chicopee Falls, Mass., makers of the famous Victor bicycles, is in the city a guest at the Victoria. Mr. Peckham was formerly the Australian representative of the company.

All the members of the "Pudd'nhead Wilson" company spent their day in Victoria as guests at the Hotel Victoria, which is now becoming headquarters for the representative members of the profession.

Mrs. William Moore, wife of the discoverer and pioneer of the White pass, came down from the North by the steamer Danube last evening.

W. Bowden, H. Dalby, R. Draney and J. Sabiston were among the well-known residents of the North coming down for Christmas by the Danube yesterday evening.

C. W. D. Clifford, member-elect for Cassiar, came down from the Skeena, accompanied by Mrs. Clifford, yesterday evening.

Mrs. H. J. Palmer and Miss Palmer, of Chemainus, registered at the Victoria yesterday.

C. N. Westwood, of Nanaimo, is at the Oriental.

Premier Semlin returned yesterday from Duncan.

George McL. Brown, executive agent of the C. P. R., returned from the Mainland by last night's Islander.

P. C. Dunlavy, Robert Porter, W. F. Bullen and F. Weldon were among the Victorians returning from the Mainland last evening.

Campbell St. Sweeney, H. Darling and J. Wilson came down from Vancouver last evening.

Mrs. C. G. Major and son arrived over from Westminster yesterday evening.

J. F. Giese and wife, of Dawson, are guests at the hotel Victoria.

John A. Macdonald, of Ottawa, is a guest at the Victoria.

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With this knowledge in our possession, the terror can be stripped from the complaint, and it can be cured as easily as a mouthful of water can be swallowed. The cure—the only unfailing cure—is in the use of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

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Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets cost only 50 cents a box, and can be obtained from all druggists.

A POTLACH—The Cowichan Indians are at present indulging in the delights, to the native mind, of a big potlach. It is being held on the Duncan reserve, members of all the nearby tribes being in attendance. Several hundred pairs of blankets, rifles, clothing, etc., were distributed on Tuesday and yesterday, and in the intervals the dancers and tom-tom players kept things lively. These potlaches are not of as frequent occurrence as formerly among the Cowichan Indians, several of the successful native farmers declining to distribute their hard earned profits among their less thrifty friends.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.  
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**THE WEATHER.**

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.

**SYNOPSIS.**

The barometer is rising to-night over British Columbia and the adjoining states. Fine, cold weather continues from the Rockies to Ontario, while westward to the Cascades light snow has fallen. Along the coast the weather has been mild and showery. There are no immediate indications of stormy weather.

**TEMPERATURES.**

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	37	44
Kamloops	20	28
Barkerville	22	32
Calgary	12	36
Winnipeg	12	36
Portland	36	46
San Francisco	44	48

**FORECASTS.**

For twenty-four hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate winds; partly fair; light showers, chiefly at night.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds; partly fair, with occasional light showers.

**VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.**

Temperatures:	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	38	Mean 40
Noon	43	Highest 44
5 p.m.	42	Lowest 37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	Calm.
Noon	2 miles northeast.
5 p.m.	Calm.

Rain—14 inches.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

No sunshine.

Barometer at noon—Observed—30.170  
Corrected—30.118

E. BAYNES-REED,  
Provincial Forecast Official.

**PASSENGERS.**

By steamer *Islander* from Vancouver:

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**THE FINLAYSON CASE.**

Hearing of the Charge of Stealing Against the Savings Bank Teller.

Evidence That the Accused Admitted He Had Taken the Missing Moneys.

Kenneth A. Finlayson, who was arrested Tuesday morning on the charge of stealing money from the Dominion Savings Bank, of which he was teller, came up for his preliminary hearing yesterday morning, the general interest taken in the proceedings being shown by the large number of people who attended as spectators. The evidence of two of the principal witnesses—Mr. McLaughlin, manager of the bank, and Mr. Fraser, the Dominion government inspector—was taken and the hearing was then remanded till this morning.

The first of the twelve charges taken up was that of stealing from the Dominion government on October 12 the sum of \$40, which had that day been deposited in the bank by Margaret Stout. The deposit slip marked with the initials of accused was put in as an exhibit and then the taking of evidence proceeded.

Mr. John Fraser, superintendent of Dominion savings banks, was first called and identified Finlayson's initials on the deposit slip. As there was reason to believe that all the money taken in by the Victoria branch had not reached Ottawa, the witness had come here to investigate, and on Monday the accused had admitted to him that the deposit slip in question had not been forwarded to Ottawa and that there were others. Mr. Fraser had told the accused that it would be in his interest to confess, and that the witness would do what he could for the accused. The accused had then gone home for his keys and opening a small cash box produced all the slips that went to make up the shortage.

Mr. Frank Higgins, who appeared for the accused, objected to the statements of the accused being admitted as evidence as they were not made voluntarily but in consequence of the superintendent's promise.

Mr. W. H. Langley, who conducted the case for the Dominion government, replied that Superintendent Fraser had not pretended that he had any authority to hold out inducements, but that the prisoner would place himself in a better position by confessing.

The evidence was put in subject to further objection, and Mr. Fraser in cross-examination said that the accused had received a salary of \$45.85 a month, out of which he had to pay for superannuation allowance 2 1/2 or possibly 3 per cent, and also for his guarantee premium. Thousands of dollars passed through the hands of accused yearly, as teller in the bank.

Mr. J. H. McLaughlin, manager of the bank, said that after a deposit slip was received the teller initialed it and after being posted in the ledger kept the slip was forwarded to Ottawa at the end of the month. No entry had been made of the slip produced in court. The accused had been in the bank as teller for the past five years and was paid a salary of \$550 a year, out of which 3 per cent. had to come for superannuation and \$5 for guarantee fund. Informally witness had more than once tried to get the salary of accused increased. The deposits in the bank amounted to between \$200,000 and \$300,000 a year and most of that passed through the hands of accused, who had always been a very efficient officer and gentlemanly in his conduct.

The hearing goes on this morning at 10 o'clock.

**PREMIER SEMLIN'S THREAT.**

Intimates That Districts Electing Opponents Will Suffer in Appropriations.

The feeling throughout the district of Cowichan at the action of the Semlin government in sending in an outsider to oppose Mr. W. R. Robertson, who was elected by a large majority in July last, is very strong. In the first place, a large majority of the electors thought that Mr. Robertson should have been returned by acclamation, and so strong was this feeling that no resident of the district could be found who would allow his name to be placed in nomination. This does not mean that Mr. Robertson has no opponents in the district, but even those most bitterly opposed to the policy which he advocates would not consent to stand, thereby courting sure defeat. With two outside candidates in the field—Mr. Sward and Dr. Lewis Hall—the chances of the government winning the seat are even slimmer.

Many of those who opposed Mr. Robertson in July have signified their intention of supporting him at the coming election, Cowichan, like other sections of the province, having had enough of Martinism. The government's position was not improved, either by the threat made by Premier Semlin at the meeting held at Duncan's Tuesday evening, which, as it was addressed to a meeting of government supporters, was as much a threat against Dr. Hall as against Mr. Robertson. After referring to Mr. Sward as the most capable legislator in British Columbia, he said that gentlemen had the ear of the government and would be able to set the wants of the district before the executive. All parts of the province were calling for public works, and the government were unable to meet all the demands.

"While this is the case," continued the Premier, "it is to your interest to have a man representing you who is in the councils of the province and who has the ear of the government. An opponent of the government has to be controlled by the men with whom he is associated, and they would tell him not to place the wants of the district before the government, or they would build up popularity at his expense. The fact of Mr. Sward being in this position would more than offset the local standing of Mr. Robertson."

The meeting was called for 7:30. A few minutes after 7 o'clock Mr. Sward asked Mr. Robertson to attend, but as it was practically a nominating convention, as stated by Chairman Duncan, Mr. Robertson did not feel that he was justified in attending, particularly as it was not known at that time that Mr. Sward would be the candidate, or in fact whether there would be any opposition.

Acting upon the advice of those friends at whose request he became a candidate, Dr. Lewis Hall has withdrawn from the contest in Cowichan, leaving the field clear to Mr. Sward as the representative of the Semlin government.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

**THE POSTMAN'S CHRISTMAS.**

Every morning as sure as the clock, Somebody hears the postman's knock; Remember the postman.

Sir—I do not know what the custom in Victoria is relative to the above. In the Old Land it was customary to have at the public office a subscription list. I would humbly suggest that if each family in the postman's district would give him a small donation it would help him on his weary way. Many of them have large families and their pay is not too large.

**CONSIDERATUM.**

**DR. WILSON'S SUGGESTIONS.**

Sir—A notice in yesterday's paper of my address to the Ministerial Association conveys the impression that I advocated the nationalization of land, the abolishment of interest and various other economic changes. These changes were not advocated—they were presented for study.

JOSEPH D. WILSON.

**THE JAMES BAY BRIDGE.**

Sir—Believing that it is the duty of every citizen to take a lively interest in the development of our city and to assist those who are endeavoring to bring about much needed improvements, I venture to ask permission to improve the time, while the Committee of Fifty are deliberating on their different schemes and suggestions for the improvement of the city, by placing before the public a scheme for the building of a permanent roadway across James Bay to take the place of James Bay Bridge.

There is sufficient rock at the north end of the park, opposite the South Park school to build the roadway. The mode of removing it when quarried can be by constructing an endless cable car track on the same principle as the street railway system, from the park to the bridge, and with the down grade the loaded cars would have of from fifty to one hundred feet fall, would produce sufficient motive power to fetch the empty cars back and have enough surplus power to drive other machinery that would be required in quarrying the rock, etc.

front wall of cut stone on the west side would require to be constructed as the filling in would progress. The present bridge could remain in use until the greater part of the work was completed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. DUNCAN.

James Bay.

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**THE ATHABASCA.**

Eight Thousand Dollar Brick From a Twenty-Eight Day Clean Up.

Mr. E. Nelson Fell, superintendent of the Athabasca mine, came into town on Tuesday, bringing with him a gold brick of most respectable dimensions, representing the bullion derived from a 28 days' run of the mill. Mr. Fell informed a Miner reporter that the new 10-stamp mill was giving every satisfaction, as was the new tramway. The necessary water was obtained at Coteau Creek, and they had not been, and did not expect to be, troubled with a shortage in their water supply.

Although the mill had run 28 days last month the first eight days the work had been experimental, as the machinery, which was supplied by Grant & Chalmers, Chicago, was new to the men. The mill had been crushing 26 tons a day, but owing to the difficulty and expense of sorting the ore, a good deal of country rock had been run through. The ore itself averaged about \$20 a ton, of which about 15 per cent. was saved on the plates. The clean-up for last month was valued by the mill at \$8,000, which was contained in the gold brick aforesaid, and there was also about a ton of concentrates that would be shipped to the smelter.

Mr. Fell considered that there was fully enough ore in sight to keep the plates running for at least six months to come. A most encouraging feature of the mine was the way the ore retained its value with depth. At the 220-foot level, the values were as good as on the surface. There are two veins on the property, both free milling, one of which is being developed by shaft and the other by a tunnel. The vein varies from eight inches to eighteen in width.—Rossland Miner, Dec. 10.

**WATER TOO LOW**—A fresher is being anxiously awaited by the loggers at Cowichan Lake. They now have thirteen and a half million feet of logs in the water and are waiting for a rise in the lake and river to enable them to float the logs down to the bay. The timber, which belongs to the Boyd Lumber Co., which some years ago purchased the Cowichan mills and timber limits, is said to be of unusually fine quality. There are many sticks upwards of a hundred feet in length, of good diameter and very clear. In some quarters it is said that the company intends to re-open the mills, but they have received such good offers for the logs from other mill owners that they may dispose of them.

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**TRUSTEES IN SESSION.**

Many Matters of Detail Referred to the Board of 1899—Miss Strachan Retires.

Friday Set for the Closing of the Schools—Basket Ball in the Evenings Not Wanted.

"Refer it to the incoming board" was the favorite expression at the meeting of the school trustees yesterday evening, and although considerable business of minor importance was transacted, quite as much more went on the table, to be disposed of by the educational authorities elected for 1899. The schools close for the term on Friday of this week, but without any elaborate or formal programmes, the classes resuming on Tuesday, the 3rd proximo.

First of the communications last evening was a letter from City Clerk Dowler, with formal notification that \$45,500 would be available for all purposes of the board for the present year. This went on the file; while the "table" and the new board received a report from Principal McNeill, of the North Ward, suggesting a number of desirable improvements in equipment and the arrangement of the teaching staff under his supervision.

Miss E. M. Speers, of the South Park teaching staff, applied for an increase of salary from \$650 per annum (which she receives at present); and Principal Agnes Deans Cameron, of the same school, pointed to the overcrowded condition of the two lower grades under her direction, asking for the appointment of an additional teacher. Both of these communications went to the new board.

Requisitions for supplies from Principal Tait, of Victoria West, and Principal Paul, of the High school, went to the committees directly interested, a joint application from the Boys' and Girls' Central schools for a piano to be used in the closing exercises on Friday provoking discussion ere it was finally disposed of.

Trustee Hall would not endorse the payment of the \$5 involved, and did not think the city auditor would consent to pass any item such as piano rental.

Trustee Marchant was of the same way of thinking.

Trustees Belyea and Mrs. Jenkins were inclined to be more liberal, however, and thought that as the city had paid similar bills before, there was no reason to conclude that it would not do so again.

Trustees Hall and Marchant moved that the request be refused. Trustees Belyea and Mrs. Jenkins entered an amendment that it be granted. And the amendment prevailed—4 to 2.

Miss Strachan wrote the board, gracefully acknowledging courtesies extended to her during her service on the teaching staff of the North Ward school, and tendering her resignation, to take effect at the close of the term.

"Why does Miss Strachan wish to terminate her engagement?" asked a member.

"For the reason that the majority of young ladies terminate engagements," answered Trustee Marchant. "The ceremony takes place a week from tonight, I believe."

Chairman Hayward recalled the days when any member of the teaching staff taking the step contemplated by Miss Strachan received the present of a large family Bible at the hands of the board. There came too many calls for Bibles, however, and the practice had to be discontinued.

The resignation was accepted, with regret at the loss of a good teacher, and the congratulations of the board to the prospective bride with all good wishes for her in her new sphere of life.

Several applications for appointment on the teaching staff were received and placed on the list for consideration by the incoming trustees, the statistical statement for the month being then taken up. This showed an enrollment of 2,404; an actual average attendance of 2,095.01; 3 cases of truancy; 32 cases of corporal punishment; 174 cases of tardiness; 12 teachers absent; an attendance percentage of 87.11; a punctuality percentage of 99.81; and 49.86 pupils per teacher as the average for the month.

Trustee McMillan was inclined to look upon the punishment return as unduly high, and asked for details. These were given as follows: High school, 4; Victoria Central, 3; Girls' Central, 4; Victoria West, 1; Spring Ridge, 0; and South Park, 5.

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special committee represented by Trustee Hall, it was decided to install the electric light in the Pemberton gymnasium at a cost of not more than \$20, the board putting itself on record, however, as opposed to the use of the gymnasium for basket ball in the evenings. The objection is that too much attention is at present being paid to sports in the schools, to the detriment of study. Bills to the amount of \$979.60 were passed for payment; Tuesday, January 3, was fixed for re-opening day; and the meeting closed with a very full and complete report by Inspector Eaton on the work and progress of the schools during the current half-year.

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